

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16 and 17 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

In view of the Advisory Action mailed May 20, 2005, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, and 19 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sargent (U.S. Pat. No. 535,999) in view of either Ferreira (U.S. Pat. No. 1,821,298), Detloff et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,865,386), or Rogala (U.S. Pat. No. 6,155,644). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4, 9, 14, and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully notes that the rejections regarding claims 4, 9, 14, and 19 have been rendered moot.

The Examiner states that claims 5, 10, 15, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 to include the limitations of the stated allowable claims, respectively. Therefore, claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 should now be in condition for allowance. Applicant notes that claims 2, 7, 12, and 17 depend from claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, respectively, and therefore should now also be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt

and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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